

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Method for receiving a purchase order by a remote location-~~(10)~~ from a customer location-~~(9)~~ via a first connection-~~(1)~~ over a network, to enable a purchase relating to a reference number, comprising the steps of:

- \_\_\_completing a purchase order form that includes purchaser data-~~(2)~~ and a predefined subset-~~(3)~~ of the reference number<sub>7i</sub>
- \_\_\_receiving purchaser data-~~(2)~~ and the predefined subset (3) of the reference number at the remote location-~~(10)~~ from said customer location-~~(9)~~ via said first connection-~~(1)~~<sub>7i</sub>
- \_\_\_storing the purchaser data-~~(2)~~ and the subset-~~(3)~~ of the reference number in a storage means-~~(5)~~ of a computer system-~~(6)~~ at the remote location-~~(10)~~, said purchaser data being associated with the customer making the purchase<sub>7i</sub>
- \_\_\_receiving reference number related data via a second connection-~~(13)~~ over a network from the customer location ~~(9)~~ by an order-handling system, such as an IVR system-~~(7)~~ at the remote location-~~(10)~~<sub>7i</sub>
- \_\_\_associating said second connection-~~(13)~~ with the purchase order using the reference number related data, and the subset-~~(3)~~ of the reference number transmitted via said first connection-~~(1)~~, resulting in the complete reference number corresponding to the purchase order<sub>7i</sub>

□ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ receiving an identification code ~~{8}~~ from the customer location ~~{9}~~ at the remote location ~~{10}~~,  
□ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ receiving at the remote location ~~{10}~~ via said second connection ~~{13}~~ reference number digits ~~{4}~~ supplementary to the digits in the subset ~~{3}~~ of the reference number.

Claim 2 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein said second connection ~~{13}~~ is associated with the purchase order using said identification code ~~{8}~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein the complete reference number is determined by concatenating the digits in the subset ~~{3}~~ of the reference number and the supplementary reference number digits ~~{4}~~.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein said first connection ~~{1}~~ is a connection over a non-secure network.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein said second connection ~~{13}~~ is a connection over a public telephone system.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein said first connection ~~{1}~~ and said second connection ~~{13}~~ are connections over the same network.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein the identification code ~~{8}~~ is shown on-line to the customer after the customer has completed said purchase order form, and the identification code ~~{8}~~ is received from the customer via said second connection ~~{13}~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein the identification code-~~(8)~~ is provided by said computer system-~~(6)~~ to the customer, and the identification code-~~(8)~~ is received from the customer via said second connection-~~(13)~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, wherein the identification code-~~(8)~~ is received from a personal computer-~~(11)~~ at the customer location-~~(9)~~ by said computer system-~~(6)~~ at the remote location-~~(10)~~.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said reference number is a credit card number.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the identification code ~~(8)~~ is a unique code.